

Who are the top 5 boys basketball players in the area?

Staff report

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Geron Johnson

Dunbar: 6-3, sr., G

Scouting report: Averaged 18.1 points last season with a mix of shooting and driving ability. Creates mismatch problems because of his height and ball-handling ability. He'll need to make plenty of shots to help overcome the Wolverines' rare lack of size inside.

Greg Gainey

Marshall: 6-5, sr., F

Scouting report: Mixes ball handling and driving ability as an effective offensive weapon, and the Cougars will need him after losing point guard Juwan Staten to Oak Hill Academy. Missed last season's D-II state title game due to injury, so he's even hungrier for this season.

A.J. Pacher

Vandalia Butler: 6-9, sr., C

Scouting report: The Wright State recruit averaged 15.5 points and 9.2 rebounds last season and has since added strength and improved moves in the post. Also knocked down 16-of-37 3-pointers last season and remains a threat shooting on the perimeter.

Travis Trice

Wayne: 6-0, Jr., G

Scouting report: Named All-GWOC last season as a sophomore, averaged 15.5 points, 2.7 rebounds and 5.9 assists for the 18-6 Warriors. A known sniper from the perimeter, he has continued to improve his driving ability in the lane. Should be among the area's most sought-after recruits.

Ryan Bass

Dunbar: 5-9, sr., G

Scouting report: A transfer from Chaminade Julianne, averaged 18.6 points for the Eagles last season with, like new teammate Johnson, strong slashing ability to the basket. Also shot 35 percent from 3-point range and collected 10 20-point scoring games. Gives Wolves area's best backcourt.

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